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SUBJ: ROMANIAN INDEPENDENCE IN INTER-COMMUNIST RELATIONS

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1. ACCORDING TO NETHERLANDS EMBOFF, ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR TO GDR VASILE VLAD TOLD NETHERLANDS AMBASSADOR IN BERLIN THAT ROMANIAN, ITALIAN AND SPANISH COMMUNIST PARTIES WERE SKEPTICAL OF ALL-EUROPEAN COMMUNIST CONFERENCE, AT LEAST ALONG LINES BEING PROPOSED BY SOVIETS FOR LATE 1974. THESE REPORTS FOUND EUROPEAN GATHERING MORE DIFFICULT TO COUNTER THAN WORLD CP CONFERENCE (WHICH NORTH VIETNAMESE AS WELL AS KOREANS AND JAPANESE WERE SAID TO STRONGLY OPPOSE). VLAD REPORTEDLY SAID ROMANIANS WERE ARGUING THAT ISSUES BEING TOUTED FOR ALL-EUROPEAN CP CONFERENCE WERE MORE SUITABLE FOR INTER-STATE DELIBERATIONS SUCH AS CSCE.

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2. PROBABLY INDIRECTLY REFLECTING EAST EUROPEAN INTER-COMMUNIST

TENSIONS, SCINTEIA ARTICLE FEBRUARY 6 ON EXCHANGE OF PARTY CARDS BY ITALIAN COMMUNIST PARTY (PCI) IS DEVOTED TO "STRENGTH THROUGH NUMBERS"

THEME. ARTICLE AFFIRMS THAT IN PAST SEVERAL MONTHS ALONE PCI HAS ENLISTED SOME 80,000 NEW MEMBERS AND RELATES GROWTH IN 1.6 MILLION MEMBERSHIP TO "PATH OF STRUGGLE FOLLOWED BY THE POWERFUL VANGUARD OF ITALIAN WORKING CLASS" AND TO "ITS MASS CHARACTER, FORCE AND PRESTIGE". LAUDING PCI'S MASS APPEAL AND ELECTORAL SUCCESSES, ARTICLE QUOTES PCI'S LONGO TO EFFECT THAT PCI "DOES NOT PRETEND TO BE SINGLE DEPOSITORY OF RIGHT SOLUTIONS FOR ALL PROBLEMS" BUT ASPIRES TO BEING "PROPULSIVE FACTOR" AMONG "LARGEST POSSIBLE UNITED, DEMOCRATIC AND INNOVATIVE GROUPINGS."

3. COMMENT: THRUST OF SCINTEIA PIECE MAY BE ANOTHER INDICATION (SEE REFTTEL, PARA 4) THAT PARTY SIZE AND CP "ELITE" VERSUS MASS CHARACTER HAS BEEN ISSUE IN CONTEST OF APPARENT SOVIET EFFORTS TO COUNTER IMPACT OF DETENTE WITH HEIGHTENED DISCIPLINE, E.G. AT JANUARY 22-23 MOSCOW MEETING OF CP SECRETARIES ON ORGANIZATIONAL QUESTIONS. BY PLAYING UP PCI'S EXAMPLE, ARTICLE SEEMS TO HIGHLIGHT IN AESOPIAN FSSHION THAT PARTY SIZE AND CHARACTER MUST BE TAILORED TO SUIT LOCAL CIRCUMSTANCES BY INDIVIDUAL CIP'S THEMSELVES, WHOSE CADRE POLICIES ARE NOT A MATTER FOR ANY KIND OF "COORDINATION" OR CPSU-PROMOTED COMMON LINE. MARTENS

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